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is found in the ranks of the latter. The Gentlemen will then be as sorry as they now are surly. It ought to be our part of my Lectures discourse, to upon their crooked course. Let them repent or suffer. They are the centre pillar of this God defying earth. That pillar must be removed. "Fiat Just. ruat Coelum".

I find myself almost wholly devoted to the cause of the slave, - and I know not how to leave or neglect it. Other duties I am sensible of neglecting for this, and yet I see such call on my hand for labour that I cannot relax my efforts in this. If I must abandon this or my charge as a minister, I shall the latter. And you need not think it strange, if in a short time, you find me in abolitionism "neck and heels".

I will write you on this subject of these meetings, as soon as I know any thing definite to write.

Yours Truly,

A. St. Clair -

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that shall be able to write you as to the time, and suppose you will of course hold yourself and several others in readiness to come. We intend to furnish you with four or five day's employ. Bring up Loring, Phillips, Sewall, and all the agents you can.

About the first of Sept. we intend to hold a Bo Convention in Worcester. And there, of all times, we shall need help from the City. Till that time, it is thought best to let W. pretty much alone. And when the attack is made, continue it for several days. This Convention ought to have been on the 4th of the present Month; - but Br. S. had married a wife and could not come.

The Anti-Abolition-Clergymen this way hardly know what course to adopt. They appear to be in a quandary; and will soon have to change ground, or cut and run. They are exasperated beyond measure at the Garrison; - but the Resolutions at the N. Y. Female A. S. Convention have given the finishing stroke and set the hornets nest on fire. God grant it may turn the sinners out of all defence and apologies for slavery. This event, I believe to be a winnowing fan, - which is dividing the good from the bad in all sects, and no to him, who four years since

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Dear Brother,

Yours of the 8th came duly to hand, and in reply I would say, of the 8 then appointed, who have consented to take local agencies, we may be able to manage Oxford, Ward, Leicester, Holden, Princeton, Westminster, Fitchburg and all lying on the east of them. There were Amos Pitts, of Millville, James F. McCollom of Westminster and Rev James Porter of Worcester. I should think it not unlikely that Rev. Mr. Lincoln of Gardner, Barnabe of Townsend and Goodyear of Ashburnham will act in the same capacity. Let Br. Southward deposite me a bundle of Petitions in the same Box he puts the Selectmen for this town. Send about fifty of each sort. and the quicker the better. I want to see Br. Gould when he comes into the Co, - him within 5 or 6 miles of Worcester, and he can call upon me with little trouble. We ought to understand each others designs and movements. I have this day been to Worcester & Millbury, and written to Grafton in relation to your proposed meeting. Shall write to Fitchburg tomorrow on the same subject. 'Tis a bad time of year for meetings except sundays and evenings. Have an appointment in Worcester for next sab. 5. P.M. in Millbury Monday 7½ P.M. and one to Grafton for Tuesday same time. After